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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS PALESTINIANS

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SUMMARY. IN LOW-KEY ARTICLE AKHBAR REPORTS ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL WILL HOLD "EXTRAORDINARY SESSION" ON PALESTINIANS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORY. MAHMUD RIAD MET YESTERDAY WITH MEMBERS OF ARAB COMMISSION ON PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. COUNCIL MEETING SEEMS REFLECT ARAB LEAGUE CONCERN WITH SUBCOMMISSION FINDINGS ON WEST BANK. END SUMMARY.

1. AKHBAR MAY 24 REPORTS ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL (AT

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AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL) WILL HOLD "EXTRAORDINARY SESSION NEXT FEW DAYS" TO DISCUSS SUPPORT FOR "STEADFASTNESS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES". ARAB LEAGUE SECGEN RIAD REPORTEDLY MET MAY 23 WITH MEMBERS OF COMMISSION ON SUPPORT OF STRUGGLE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND DISCUSSED OUTCOME OF VISIT TO JORDAN (REFTEL).

2. COMMENT. "EXTRAORDINARY" SESSION CLEARLY REFLECTS CONCERN, REPORTED REFTEL, ABOUT SITUATION OF WEST BANKERS INVESTIGATED DURING SUBCOMMISSION VISIT TO JORDAN. ARAB LEAGUE SOURCE TELLS US COUNCIL WILL MEET MAY 30 OR "PERHAPS A FEW DAYS LATER". PRESS PLACEMENT OF ARTICLE ON BACK PAGE SUGGESTS LEAGUE STILL WANTS TO HANDLE PUBLICITY ON SUBJECT CAREFULLY. MATTHEWS

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